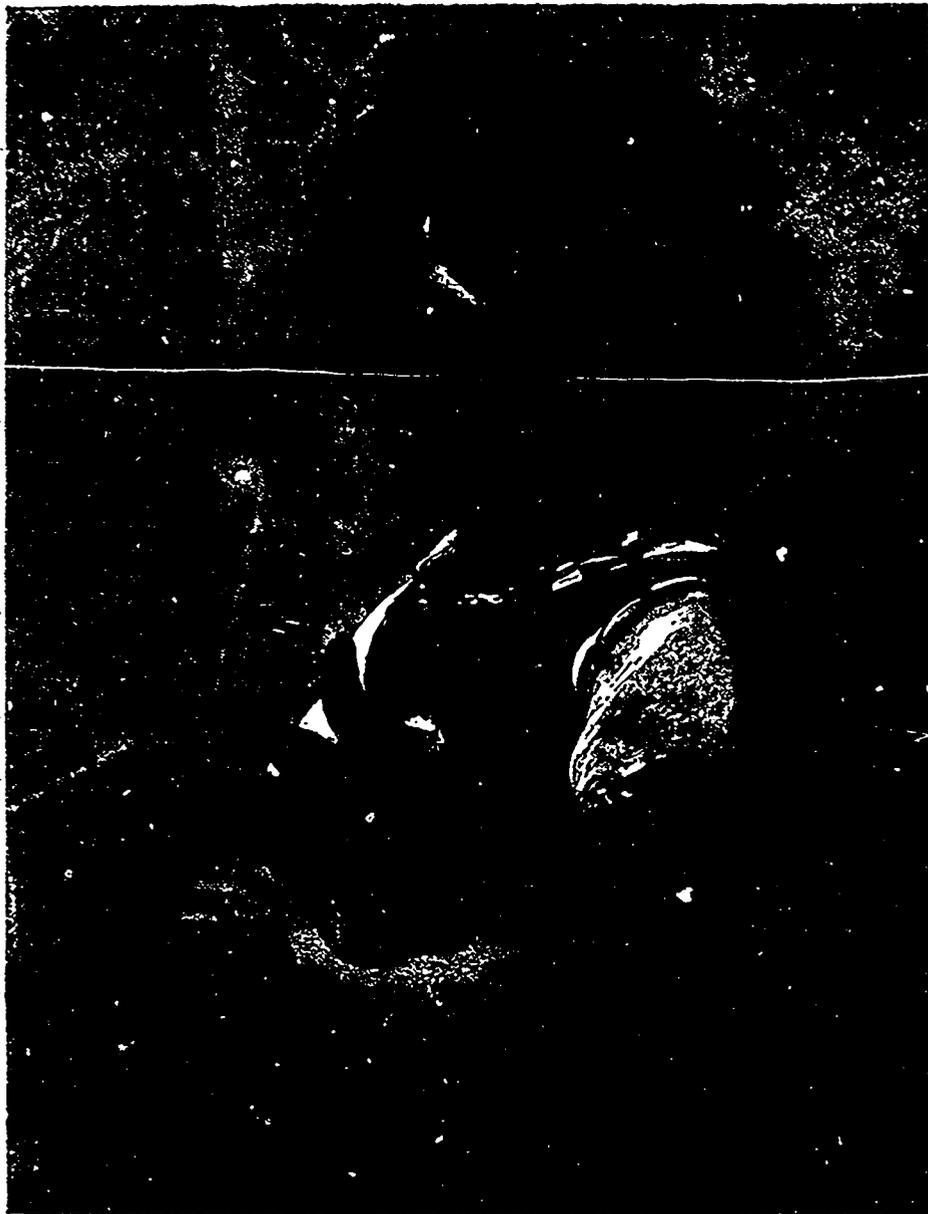


Happy Days

A LITTLE GIPSY.

Now, we don't suppose this unkempt little girl really belongs to the roving, half-civilized class her nickname describes. No doubt she is just the careless little happy-go-lucky of some perhaps respectable, even refined family. But what a savage spectacle she does manage to make of herself with her tumbled hair and careless dress! She seems, by far, a more untamed little animal than the shy rabbit she is holding in her arms. How many of our little readers, we wonder, will go about through the two coming months, in the same wild fashion? None, we hope at all events, for though it is really no great harm in itself, yet it becomes no light fault when it defies the wishes and direction of parents; which of course is generally the case. Moreover, the tendency, is very bad which couples relaxation with slovenliness.



A LITTLE GIPSY.

One can and should be neat at all times, whether at rest, at work, or at play.

To be employed is to be happy.

THE FORGIVING DOG.

WHEN the dog-tax was first imposed in France, many of the people set to work to get rid of their useless dogs, so as to avoid

paying a tax for them.

A Frenchman had an old Newfoundland dog which he coaxed to the river side, told him to lie down, tied all his four feet together with a rope, and pushed him into the Seine. The dog in his struggles loosened the rope, and with great difficulty scrambled up the steep bank. There stood his master, stick in hand to drive him back. He struck out at the dog, and then coming to close quarters, gave him a violent push, in doing which he somehow lost his own balance, and himself fell into the water. His hopes of life would have been very few indeed, if the dog had not been "the better man of the two." But the dog, forgetting the treatment he had received, plunged of his own accord into the river, where he had so nearly met his death, and spent his remaining strength in saving his would-be

murderer. It was a hard struggle, but he came off conqueror; and the two walked home together, the one triumphant, the other, let us hope, repentant.